

Post-incident Alcohol Screening

After an officer is involved in an alcohol-related incident prompt screening of the officer for alcohol abuse is **essential**. Documentation of screening (and any recommended treatment) should be provided to CMC (JAM). The alcohol screening requirement stems from SecNav's memo to CNO and CMC of 30 Jun 00 and is clarified in MARADMIN 316/01.

An alcohol-related incident occurs when a Marine commits an offense punishable under the UCMJ or by civilian authority and where, in the judgment of the Marine's commanding officer, the consumption of alcohol was a contributing factor. Therefore, in cases where a charge is reduced from an alcohol-related offense (e.g., DUI) to a charge that does not include alcohol consumption as an element (e.g., reckless driving), ***alcohol screening is required if alcohol was a factor (despite how the misconduct was ultimately charged)***.

Officers involved in reportable, alcohol related misconduct, no matter the outcome, ***must*** be screened for alcohol abuse prior to being promoted to a higher grade. Prompt screening of an officer involved in an alcohol-related incident will reduce delay in that officer's future promotions. Delaying an officer's post-incident alcohol screening does a disservice to the officer by needlessly delaying his or her future promotions.